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Remarks

TO #6: Please advise other addressees names of attendees.

FYI: Letter was received in ER 1727 1 March 85

3/5/85: Advised DDA
should be Bill
3637 (10-81) (Marsha Buckell)
Doxnelley

Executive Secretary

1 March 1985

Date

* ICS to advise who their rep will be.



NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

February 20, 1985

Mr. John N. McMahon
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. McMahon:

On September 17, 1984, the President signed the National Security Decision Directive 145, National Policy on Telecommunications and Automated Information System Security (NSDD 145). The directive establishes the Director of the National Security Agency as the National Manager for Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems Security for the Federal Government.

In support of the National Manager, the Computer Security Center has been tasked to sponsor and conduct forums for the purpose of security education and awareness related to the directive. As part of that education program, the Computer Security Center in conjunction with the Institute For Defense Analyses will host a one day symposium of information briefings on the NSDD 145 and on how the National Manager plans to implement it. The briefing will be held on March 15, 1985 at IDA's Alexandria, Virginia facility.

By way of background, this directive provides initial objectives, policies, and an organizational structure to guide the conduct of national activities directed toward safeguarding systems which process or communicate sensitive information from hostile exploitation; establishes a mechanism for policy development; and assigns responsibilities for implementation. The directive is intended to assure full participation and cooperation among the various existing centers of technical expertise throughout the Executive Branch, to promote a coherent and coordinated defense against the hostile intelligence threat to these systems, and to foster an appropriate partnership between government and the private sector in attaining these goals.



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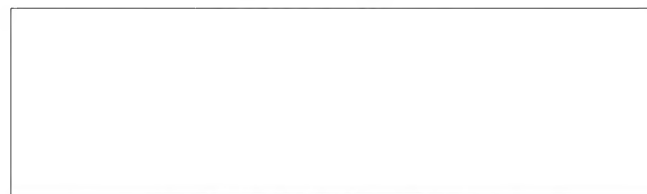
Topics to be covered during the briefing include:

- Computer security responsibilities of individual agencies and departments under the directive
- NSDD 145 framework and objectives
- Role of the National Security Agency and the Computer Security Center as detailed by NSDD 145
- Directive implementation strategy and schedule.

In addition, this briefing is intended to generate feedback from organizations as to the proposed implementation plan as well as answer any questions that your organization may have concerning the directive. Following the symposium, participants will be invited to submit letters or white papers offering suggestions for improving the National Manager's plan to implement the NSDD 145.

Because your department or agency will be affected by the new directive, it is important that you or a representative of your organization attend this symposium. Those departments or agencies desiring representation at the symposium are requested to forward names and credentials by 1 March 1985 to the NSDD Symposium for Government, DOD Computer Security Center, 9800 Savage Road, Ft. Meade, MD, 20755-6000. Attendance may be limited to two persons per department/agency. A white paper outlining computer security concepts and the NSDD 145 implementation plan will be provided to responding organizations.

Sincerely,



Deputy Assistant Director
for
Computer Security

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